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Bosses should pay for sick notes: Doctor

'It's time to push back.'
B.C. physician says that employers who receive benefit should shoulder responsibility of policy

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A B.C. physician says employers, rather than employees, should be charged for doctor's notes when they're sick, claiming the unnecessary medical documents put needless strain on the health-care system and exposes other patients in waiting rooms to viruses. COLOURBOX.COM

A B.C. physician is calling for employers rather than employees be charged for doctor's notes, saying they put unnecessary strain on the health-care system and expose other patients in waiting rooms to viruses.

Many workplaces and schools have policies that require people to get a doctor's note to discourage misuse of sick days. Medical clinics charge patients between $10 and $30 for the notes.

But Dr. Bill Cavers, president of Doctors of BC, said sick-note policies are "ridiculous" and put an unnecessary burden on the health-care system.

"Sick notes have been the bane of our existence for years," he told Metro.

"The demand on our time for medically unnecessary documentation has been increasing every year."

While he's not opposed to employers requiring sick notes, as there is data to support that such policies reduce absenteeism, Cavers said he believes employers should be responsible for covering the cost.

"I think it's a ridiculous policy for the employers who receive the benefit to have none of the responsibility for the results of their policy," he said. "The results of their policy are unfair and they're ridiculous in today's climate."

The idea, Cavers said, comes from Nova Scotia physician Dr. Ethel Cooper-Rosen who penned a note in October that she started handing out to patients charging their bosses $30 for sick notes. The stunt reverberated with physicians in B.C., said Cavers.

In this province, he said, sick-note policies have long put needless strain on a health-care system already plagued by physician shortages and lengthy wait lists.

"It flies in the face of society being told to use the medical system efficiently and properly," said Cavers.

Many employees who ask him for sick notes are not ill enough to require medical attention, he said. For others, sick employees are forced to leave their homes to see their doctor, putting other patients in the waiting room at risk of becoming infected.

Cavers said sick-note policies also place unequal financial burden on employees, as they are often only mandatory for those who work on the "lower end of the pay scale."

"Those are the people who are least likely to be able to afford it," he said. "I cannot remember the last time I saw a senior vice-president or a senior executive officer asking for a sick note."

Cavers said he is calling for a "reasoned dialogue" between employers and unions representing employees about the problem.

"We need to be using the medical system properly for medical reasons and using it properly," he said. "It's time to push back."

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Abbotsford.
Injunction against camping homeless will remain

A Supreme Court of British Columbia judge has ruled against lifting an injunction preventing homeless people from camping in Abbotsford's Jubilee Park.

The interim injunction was made Dec. 20, 2013, and Pivot Legal Society hoped to prove that the lives of those affected have deteriorated in the year since the City of Abbotsford made the application.

Many of the people are now camping along Gladys Avenue, which Pivot lawyer DJ Larkin argued put the homeless at greater risk due to its narrow confines and proximity to traffic.

Larkin also said the interim injunction was unfair, as a constitutional challenge to the city's bylaws has been continuously delayed (a six-week trail is now scheduled to begin June 29, 2015).

But in his judgment, made Wednesday, Justice James Williams ruled "camping at the Gladys site is not a great deal different or worse than camping in Jubilee Park."

He also ruled there has not been an "unacceptable delay" in court proceedings to warrant lifting the injunction.

Larkin told Metro she was disappointed with the decision but looks forward to fighting for the campers' right to shelter when the matter goes to trial in June.

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A Barbie doll spins a pizza during the International Toy Fair on Feb. 4, 2010 in Nuremberg, Germany. MIGUEL VILLAGRAN/GETTY IMAGES

Researcher advises against gendered gifts

UBC. Psychologist says the toys children receive may impact their career choices

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A simple doll can have a profound impact on a two-year-old's future prospects, according to a University of British Columbia researcher.

Developmental psychologist Andrew Scott Baron is urging parents to consider the lasting impression gender-specific toys and activities could have on their young children this holiday season.

"It's critical to know our children are constantly being bombarded with information full of cultural stereotypes," said Baron.

"And within the first two years of life, that can already shape what is expected of them and what careers they decide to pursue."

For example, Baron says research has shown parents with young daughters are 26 per cent less likely to take their child to Science World than parents with a son.

Baron said that creates an expectation among children that math and science are for boys, since fewer girls grow up realizing it is a legitimate career path for them.

The same logic extends to the type of toys children get as presents.

"Parents are sending a lot of messages to a child," said Baron. "Many parents do things a certain way because that's the way they were brought up, but we've evolved as a society."

Baron said there is nothing wrong with getting children toys that are at the top of their wish lists.

Dolls for girls and action figures for boys are fine if the interest is genuine.

But Baron recommends parents supplement those gender-specific gifts or activities with others that are gender atypical.

"Take your daughter to Science World or pick up an art or dance class for your son," said Benson. "Find a supplemental activity that addresses gender imbalance and breaks down those barriers."

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Beloved husband, father and teacher Paul Bally was killed in a hit-and-run while cycling near his Fanny Bay home Monday night. Left, his daughter Calixia. COURTESY GOFUNDME.COM

Dad of 2 killed in hit-and-run

From Fanny Bay.
RCMP looks for suspect in teacher's death, wife pleads with driver to come forward

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Mounties are searching for the driver in a fatal hit-and-run Monday night that claimed the life of a beloved Vancouver Island teacher, husband and father of two.

Paul Bally, who lived in Fanny Bay with his wife Evelyn and two children, left home around 7 p.m. Monday to go for a bike ride, said Const. Don Sinclair, spokesman for Comox Valley RCMP.

When the 48-year-old hadn't returned home by 10:45 p.m., Sinclair said his wife reported him missing to police.

Evelyn then drove around and found her husband lying in the ditch of Highway 19A near Curran Road around 11:30 p.m., he said.

"He wasn't breathing at the time," said Sinclair.

Bally was later pronounced dead at St. Joseph's Hospital in Comox.

On Wednesday, Evelyn made an emotional plea at an RCMP news conference in Courtenay, urging the driver to come forward and talk to police.

At the news conference, Evelyn delivered a message for the driver that they had left her without a husband, had left her daughter without a father to one day walk her down the aisle, and had left her son without a father to teach him how to be a man, said Sinclair.

Sinclair said the case is a priority for investigators who are working hard to identify the driver.

Police have narrowed the suspect vehicle down to either a Ford F250 truck, a Ford F350 truck or an Excursion-style vehicle, he said.

The vehicle would have been manufactured sometime between 2002 and 2004, and could have damage to the front passenger side, headlight assembly and possibly the windshield area as well.

Originally reported as white, Sinclair said investigators now believe the vehicle could be any colour.

Bally was a longtime teacher at Lake Trail Middle School in Courtenay.

A statement on the school's website described him as "highly regarded" and said grief counsellors are at the school this week to provide support for staff and students.

Family friend Leah Weinberg, who lives near the family in Fanny Bay, set up an online crowdfunding campaign Tuesday to help raise funds to support Bally's wife and children.

Bally was an avid cyclist who loved his family and was also a volunteer firefighter, she said, adding that the community is still reeling from the tragic death.

"Everybody is pretty sad," said Weinberg. "For the community, it's the loss of a family unit."

Weinberg urged the driver to "do the right thing and come forward."

"It's just inconceivable that someone could do that," she said. "I guess that person is probably in shock as well and probably doesn't know what to do, but just do the right thing."

Family trusts have also been set up at the Union Bay Credit Union under the name Bally Family Fund, as well as at the Royal Bank's South Courtenay branch, she said.

Tips

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Disneyland trip not so happy for Van woman

Ceiling collapse. Injury won't deter resolute vacationer

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A Vancouver woman was set to go to Disneyland, "the happiest place on Earth," when a rain-soaked ceiling caved in on her overnight in a nearby hotel room.

The unidentified woman was staying at the Alamo Inn and Suites in Anaheim, Calif., when a section of drywall collapsed on her shortly after 2 a.m. Wednesday, according to Anaheim Police Lieut. Bob Dunn, who handles media relations for the fire department.

"It is very unusual," Dunn told Metro. "It doesn't rain much here in California, so we don't have instances like this occurring frequently."

Heavy rain that pounded the region for two days and saturated the drywall is believed to have played a role in the partial collapse, said Dunn.

The woman, who was in bed at the time, was hit by falling debris and taken to hospital with minor injuries, he said.

Dunn said the fire department is working with the hotel owners to determine the cause of the collapse.

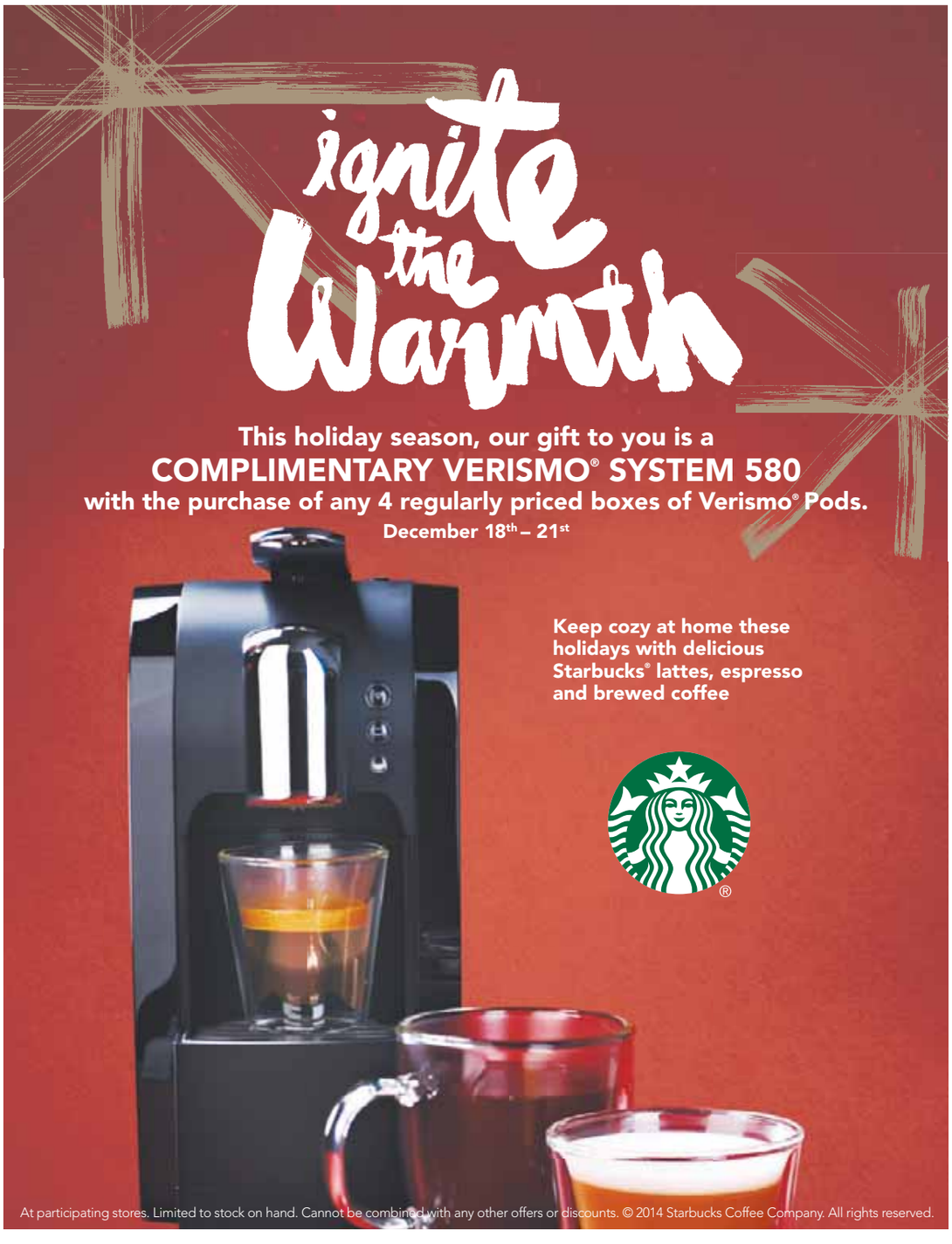
Paolo Ang, a friend of the woman, told NBC Los Angeles that he was sleeping in a room next door when he heard the ceiling collapse.

"It was a huge bang," he told NBC.

The woman's chin was badly bruised in the incident, said Ang, but they don't plan on letting the incident rain on their parade.

Ang said he and his friend still plan on visiting Disneyland once she is released from hospital.

Part of the ceiling in a hotel room in Anaheim, Calif. NBC LOS ANGELES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Coquitlam. Riverview to offer programs for mental health, substance abuse

What was once the home for Metro Vancouver's mentally ill will soon be the location of a rehabilitation and recovery program for those battling mental-health and substance-abuse issues.

Riverview Hospital in Coquitlam first opened in 1913, began taking fewer patients in the 1990s and was officially closed in 2012.

Health Minister Terry Lake announced Wednesday that a new program run by Coast Mental Health will offer 25 beds for men and 15 beds for women in two upgraded buildings on the old hospital grounds.

Client services will include programs for ongoing support, assessment, crisis intervention, co-ordinated psychiatric and medical treatment, life and social skills, drug and alcohol recovery, jobs skills, education and peer support, said Lake.

"By providing community support through the rehabilitation and recovery program, we can help individuals with severe mental illness and substance-use concerns on their journey to wellness," said Lake in a news release.

The program will take a holistic approach, integrate primary care with mental-health and substance-abuse treatment and help clients return to the community with continued support, the ministry added.

The Centre Lawn building at Riverview. CONTRIBUTED

Lake's announcement quickly came under fire from the Opposition New Democrats and mental-health advocates who pointed out that, of the 40 beds, only 14 will be newly funded and the remaining 26 will transfer to Coquitlam from the Burnaby Centre for Mental Health and Addiction.

NDP Health Critic Sue Hammell said the 14 new beds are great for those who will receive them, but they don't touch the need in a province of more than four million people. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sleepy surprise

Man intrudes into North Vancouver home, falls asleep

A sleepy intruder's decision to take a nap after entering a North Vancouver condo without permission led to his arrest on Tuesday.

Police received a call from a homeowner in the 100 block of West 2nd Street who was shocked to discover an unknown man — wearing the owner's T-shirt — sleeping on his couch when he returned home around 10 p.m.

The intruder, a 24-year-old Surrey man, apparently got quite comfortable in the apartment after entering the condo earlier in the day. He allegedly helped himself to food, donned the owner's clothing and gathered up other property in a backpack before lying down for a quick snooze.

"He certainly was surprised to see the police," North Vancouver RCMP spokesman Cpl. Richard De Jong said in a statement.

The man is being held in custody until a court appearance. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

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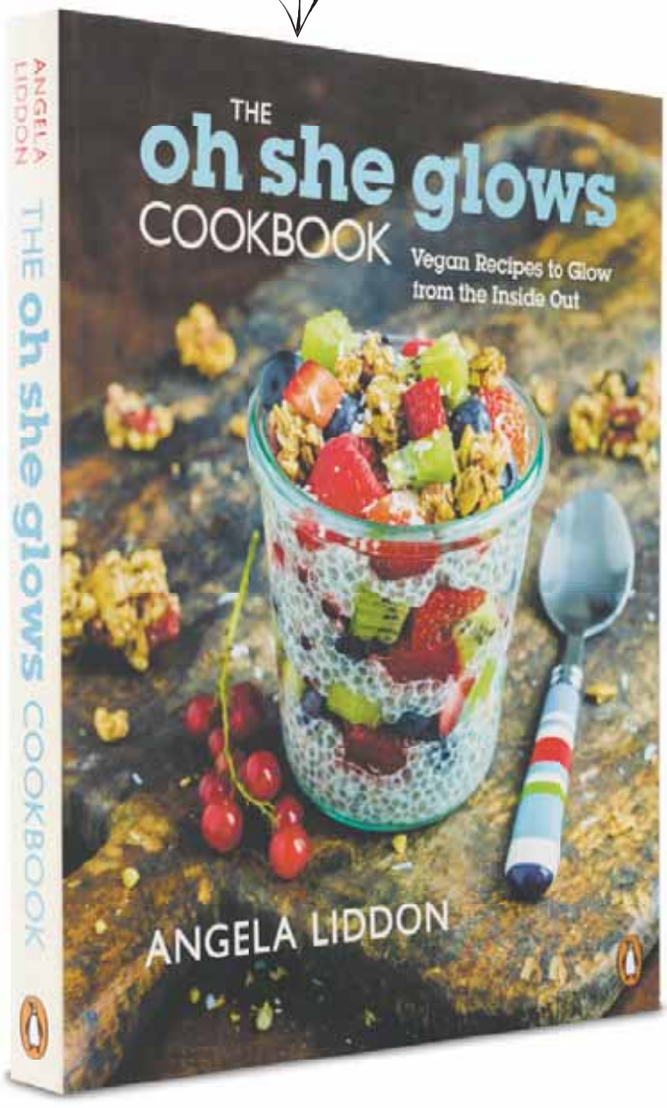
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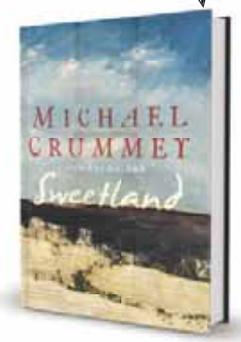

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Events in town. Ring in 2015 with Vancouver Opera, big-name DJs or a '90s throwback

BACKSTAGE PASS
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Got plans for New Year's Eve? Metro's Graeme McRanor has a couple of suggestions for you. ISTOCK

So, what are you doing for New Year's Eve?

It's the million-dollar question, that. And while it might not cost you a million bucks to go out that night, it's long been one of the priciest nights to hit the town.

Still, there's no shortage of people who want to party on New Year's Eve. And there's plenty of places to do it. Just remember to bring plenty of paper or plastic.

Here are a handful of parties happening on Dec. 31:

New Year's at the Hotel Vancouver

"This season's most spectacular party," according to its planners, the Arrival Agency, the creative team behind the Waldorf, Food Cart Fest, the revamped Fox Theatre and more. So, what makes it so? Well, there will be six pop-up nightclubs featuring a litany of talent: Vancouver Opera, Cherchez La Femme's Pop Princess Party, a Weimar Striptastic Spectacular, artist Paul Wong, and the list goes on. Starts at 9 p.m. and goes until 3 a.m. Tickets range from $89 to $250, with reserved tables for eight, 10 or 12 people priced at $1,400, $1,750 and $2,100, respectively. Check out HotelVancouverNYE.com for more.

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There are a ton of events happening that I can't fit in this space. Loverboy plays the Hard Rock Casino; there's a '90s pop-up party at 670 Smithe St.; Absolut Warhol at the Blackbird Public House, and much, much more.

Have fun out there, folks. And be safe.

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Coalition executive director steps down

Contributions. Sarah Buehler vacates her role for not disclosing campaign donations

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The Coalition of Progressive Electors' executive director has resigned for failing to disclose a $12,500 donation from a so-called developer when releasing the party's campaign contributions before the Nov. 15 municipal election.

Sarah Beuhler stepped down Wednesday for neglecting to disclose the donations from Canreal and its president — despite the fact that the company is not a developer but in commercial property management — in her rush to release COPE's campaign contributions before Vision Vancouver revealed its list.

She is hopeful her resignation will help restore trust in the organization. Many council candidates and members expressed dismay at the donation based on the party's clear stance against accepting money from developers.

COPE executive co-chair Tim Louis, who unsuccessfully ran for a seat on council, respects Beuhler's decision to resign, although he's not sure it will be enough to restore peoples' faith.

"It certainly does reinforce the need for all of us in COPE to do much better," Louis said. He maintains the donation should never have been accepted because Canreal's website lists expertise in development.

Louis believes the real problem is the millions of dollars developers donated to Vision Vancouver and the NPA.

"The spotlight should be on the party that purchased victory on Nov. 15 and not the party that made an oops," Louis said.

COPE's mayoral candidate Meena Wong has not commented on the uproar over the donation because she fell ill after the exhausting election campaign. Beuhler said Wong is bedridden.

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Audit. Province makes 25 recommendations to B.C. Lottery Corporation

A failed voluntary-retirement program that cost British Columbia's Lottery Corporation $25 million is a "shining" example of why business and management improvements are needed at the Crown corporation, says Finance Minister Mike de Jong.

De Jong said in a Wednesday news conference in Kamloops that a lottery corporation restructuring exercise in March designed to cut operating costs by $20 million ended up costing $25 million.

He said the corporation's managers offered early retirement and severance packages to employees 50 years and older to reduce terminations — but instead of eliminating 68 positions, 142 people took advantage of the offer.

The package offered 18 months severance for some employees, regardless of their length of service.

"Not a particularly shining example of effective execution," said de Jong. "All in all, the report reveals and confirms that there were some important failings within the HR management section of the corporation."

The review included 25 recommendations for the lottery corporation, including several aimed at strengthening business and management planning and saving money.

De Jong said the lottery corporation is implementing the recommendations and he's confident the message about sharpening business practices has been received.

"The public should take great comfort, as I do, in the fact that the lottery corporation has already, by its actions, signalled the seriousness with which it takes the recommendations," he said.

But Opposition New Democrat gaming critic David Eby said de Jong sugar-coated a report that raises serious concerns about the corporation.

He said the report includes details of lavish spending on employees and managers, lack of adequate enforcement and few internal controls.

"The audit was put in the kindest of terms possible, but what it shows is a government agency that is significantly out of control," said Eby.

The report said the lottery corporation generates revenues of $2.1 billion annually after paying out prizes to winners. About half of the earnings support health care, education and social programs.

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Amateur sports

Vancouver to host Masters Games

Vancouver will welcome more than 7,500 amateur athletes to the first Americas Masters Games in 2016, the city announced Wednesday. The World Masters Games for people between the ages of 35 and 100 years old are held every four years, but this is the first regional competition to be held in the Americas.

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Keynote address

Queen Noor to visit city in 2015

The Vancouver Board of Trade announced it will host Queen Noor of Jordan at an upcoming keynote address on leadership and women's empowerment. Her speech is set for March 10, 2015 at Queen Elizabeth Theatre. Open to Board of Trade members first, any leftover tickets will go on sale Dec. 22.

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Derelict Downtown Eastside hotel to be renovated

North Star. Five of the 31 units will be rented at shelter rates

A dilapidated Downtown Eastside single room occupancy hotel that has sat boarded up and vacant for 15 years will get another lease on life.

City council voted Wednesday to let local developer Solterra renovate the old North Star hotel next door to Pigeon Park on West Hastings Street, an intersection in the heart of the impoverished but gentrifying neighbourhood that badly needs more housing.

Solterra got the nod to gut the building and add bathrooms and kitchens to all 31 units, which were shuttered in 1999 when city bylaw officers deemed them unsafe for occupancy. Five units will rent for the shelter rate of $375 per month, 13 will be rented to tenants on income assistance using provincial subsidies and 13 will rent at market rates.

"The building is currently empty, it has been for a long time. This is bringing new capacity, there is no displacement of existing residents," Coun. Andrea Reimer said at the meeting.

It's crucial to add rental capacity in light of Vancouver's dangerously low rental vacancy rates, Reimer added.

But the proposal was met with vocal opposition from Downtown Eastside advocates and residents who believe the building should not have any market housing.

Wendy Pederson asked council to play hardball with the developer and suggested staff had not been aggressive enough in fighting for $375 per month units to serve people at the highest risk of homelessness.

Abigail Bond, the city's assistant director of housing policy, said there were lengthy negotiations with Solterra.

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Nanaimo. Woman's car broken into, dead sister's belongings taken: Police

Mounties say a Vancouver Island woman is reeling after someone smashed her car window and stole her dead sister's belongings.

RCMP in Nanaimo say Michelle Pearson's sister died suddenly on Nov. 28 after complications from surgery and that a suitcase full of items including photos of the two sisters was taken.

Police say the suitcase that also contained death and cremation certificates, a cell phone and a sapphire necklace.

RCMP say the dead sister's favourite teddy bears were also inside the suitcase, but they were found in some nearby bushes.

Const. Gary O'Brien says Pearson was scheduled to return home to Campbell River, but has decided to stay in Nanaimo in hopes of finding some of her sister's things.

Police are calling on the thief to do the right thing and turn in the items or let them know where they can be found.

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Matthew Foerster

Man serving life sentence for murder attacked two other women

A 28-year-old B.C. man serving a life sentence for killing an Armstrong teen has pleaded guilty to two earlier attacks on women.

Matthew Foerster pleaded guilty to a 2004 home invasion in Cherryville where he also attacked a woman.

He also admitted to attacking a Kelowna sex-trade worker in 2005.

Foerster was sentenced to six years for each of the attacks and will serve the time concurrently with his 25-year sentence for the murder of Taylor Van Diest in 2011.

Eighteen-year-old Van Diest was walking along railroad tracks on Halloween night when Foerster attacked her.

His father, Stephen Foerster, was sentenced in May to three years in prison for trying to help his son evade police.

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Labour market study

First Nations given cash to study LNG-related employment

The B.C. government is giving money to a group of five First Nations to study liquefied natural gas-related job opportunities.

The province says the Treaty 8 Tribal Association will get nearly $134,000 for a labour market study that will culminate in a report to be released next year.

The project is expected to take 43 weeks and involve a consultant working with the First Nations to look at what skills are needed for future jobs in economic development including LNG.

Peace River North MLA Pat Pimm says Treaty 8 members will play an important role in supplying workers to help with an expected labour shortage in the area. Marlene Greyeyes of the tribal association says the organization is pleased about opportunities that could lead to long-term employment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Free trip around the world? It's all in a name

Toronto. Nova Scotia woman with the same name as man's ex-girlfriend gets a world-spanning plane ticket

A Toronto man has finally found Ms. Right — sort of.

Last May Jordan Axani, 28, and his then-girlfriend, named Elizabeth Gallagher, booked heavily discounted round-the-world air tickets, but their relationship ended and he didn't want her ticket to go to waste. The ticket had a strict no-transfer policy, but since passport information was not required when booking, it can be used by any Canadian named Elizabeth Gallagher.

Axani posted his offer last month on the popular Reddit social media website, and received thousands of emails, including 18 from actual Elizabeth Gallaghers with Canadian passports.

He's now chosen his travel mate, Elizabeth Quinn Gallagher, a 23-year-old from Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia.

"It's strictly a platonic trip. It's going to be great," Axani said.

At first the new Elizabeth Gallagher thought a trip with a stranger whose ex-girlfriend's name is the same as hers was "crazy" but she hit it off with Axani after talking on the phone with him for hours.

The trip is scheduled to start Dec. 21 in New York City and continue on to Milan, Prague, Paris, Bangkok and New Delhi before ending in Toronto on Jan. 12. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Elizabeth Gallagher won a ticket around the world with Jordan Axani. CONTRIBUTED

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Federal regulations

New measures aim to reduce rail-crossing crashes

The federal government has introduced long-awaited regulations aimed at reducing deadly train collisions at level crossings.

The regulations, to take full effect over the next seven years, establish consistent grade crossing safety standards across Canada and clarify the responsibilities of rail companies and road authorities.

Transport Canada says the regulations will improve safety at approximately 14,000 public and 9,000 private grade crossings along 42,650 kilometres of railway track.

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Landing in Halifax

Flight cut short, RCMP cite unruly passenger

Police were called to the Halifax Stanfield International Airport on Wednesday over an unruly passenger who allegedly assaulted two flight attendants on an Air Canada flight to Toronto from London.

RCMP spokesman Sgt. Al Leblanc said the flight made an unscheduled landing at the airport just before 12:30 p.m. He said a 30-year-old woman from South Africa was taken into custody from the plane for allegedly assaulting two flight attendants.

No other details were provided.

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S-221. Proposed bill targets transit assault

People who assault transit drivers can expect to do more jail time in 2015, provided a new bill becomes law.

Sponsored by Sen. Bob Runciman, the Bill S-221 would encourage judges to hand down stricter sentences to those convicted of attacking bus drivers and other transit operators.

Runciman said assaulting transit workers puts the entire public at risk.

"2011 is the last year we have stats for, but there were over 2,000 reported assaults, 80 per cent of which were in the vehicle," he said. "And in that case, it's not just the driver who is in danger. It could be a pedestrian, a cyclist or someone in a car travelling in the other direction."

The Conservative senator introduced the bill last fall. It's since passed the Senate and Runciman is confident it will become law by February.

Brad Ross, a spokesman for the Toronto Transit Commission, said Bill S-221 has the full support of the TTC.

"On average, about one TTC employee is assaulted or threatened every day over a matter of less than $3," Ross told Metro.

On Wednesday morning, a TTC bus driver in Toronto was beaten and robbed by a would-be passenger following what police described as a "fare dispute."

The man reportedly dragged the driver to the ground outside the bus and kicked him repeatedly before fleeing. The driver was taken to hospital but is expected to recover.

The suspect remains at large, but the TTC has given police security footage of the incident.

"Police take these matters as seriously as we do and we are confident the assailant will be apprehended," Ross said. LUKE SIMCOE/METRO

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Trial. Jury continues to deliberate Magnotta's fate

The jury at Luka Rocco Magnotta's murder trial appeared to focus on the mental disorder defence Wednesday as it asked a pointed question before ending a second day of deliberations without a verdict.

"Is a personality disorder a disease of the mind as a matter of law?" the jurors asked the judge as they emerged from their deliberations.

Quebec Superior Court Justice Guy Cournoyer answered "yes" and sent them back to deliberate further.

Magnotta has admitted to killing and dismembering Jun Lin in May 2012 but his lawyer argues he should be found not criminally responsible because he is schizophrenic and couldn't tell right from wrong.

The judge had told the jurors that they should start their work by focusing on the not criminally responsible issue.

Cournoyer also said they would need to answer two questions for the mental disorder defence to be accepted. Firstly, is it more likely than not Magnotta was suffering from a mental disorder at the time of the offence? And secondly, did the disorder make him incapable of knowing the acts were wrong? THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alberta

Wildrose leader, 8 others to join PCs

Alberta's Opposition leader and eight of her Wildrose caucus members are joining the government of Premier Jim Prentice.

A joint news release says Danielle Smith resigned as Wildrose leader Wednesday and "the caucuses have agreed to unite under a set of aligned values and principles." Prentice and Smith are calling the move the "unification of Alberta's conservatives."

The defections leave the Wildrose with five sitting members in the legislature. The Liberals also have five members and the NDP have four. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'We can attach her name again to this conversation'

Rehtaeh Parsons. A directive from the Nova Scotia attorney general allows name of teen cyberbullying victim to be reported

Rehtaeh Parsons is shown in a handout photo. HO-FACEBOOK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

When a judge placed a publication ban on Rehtaeh Parsons' identity, Glen Canning began wearing a T-shirt to court bearing his daughter's name in a campaign that ended Wednesday as reporting restrictions in the child pornography case were eased.

For Canning, a directive from Nova Scotia's attorney general allowing Parsons' name to be reported was a relief.

"We can attach her name again to this conversation and that's just fantastic," Canning said.

Attorney General Lena Metlege Diab says breaches of the ban by the media or in other forums will not be prosecuted, unless the girl's name is used in a derogatory way.

A judge put the mandatory ban on Parsons' identity in May in the case of two young men who were charged with child pornography offences, even though he said his decision "serves no purpose" because both of the girls' parents wanted her identity public and her case had been widely reported.

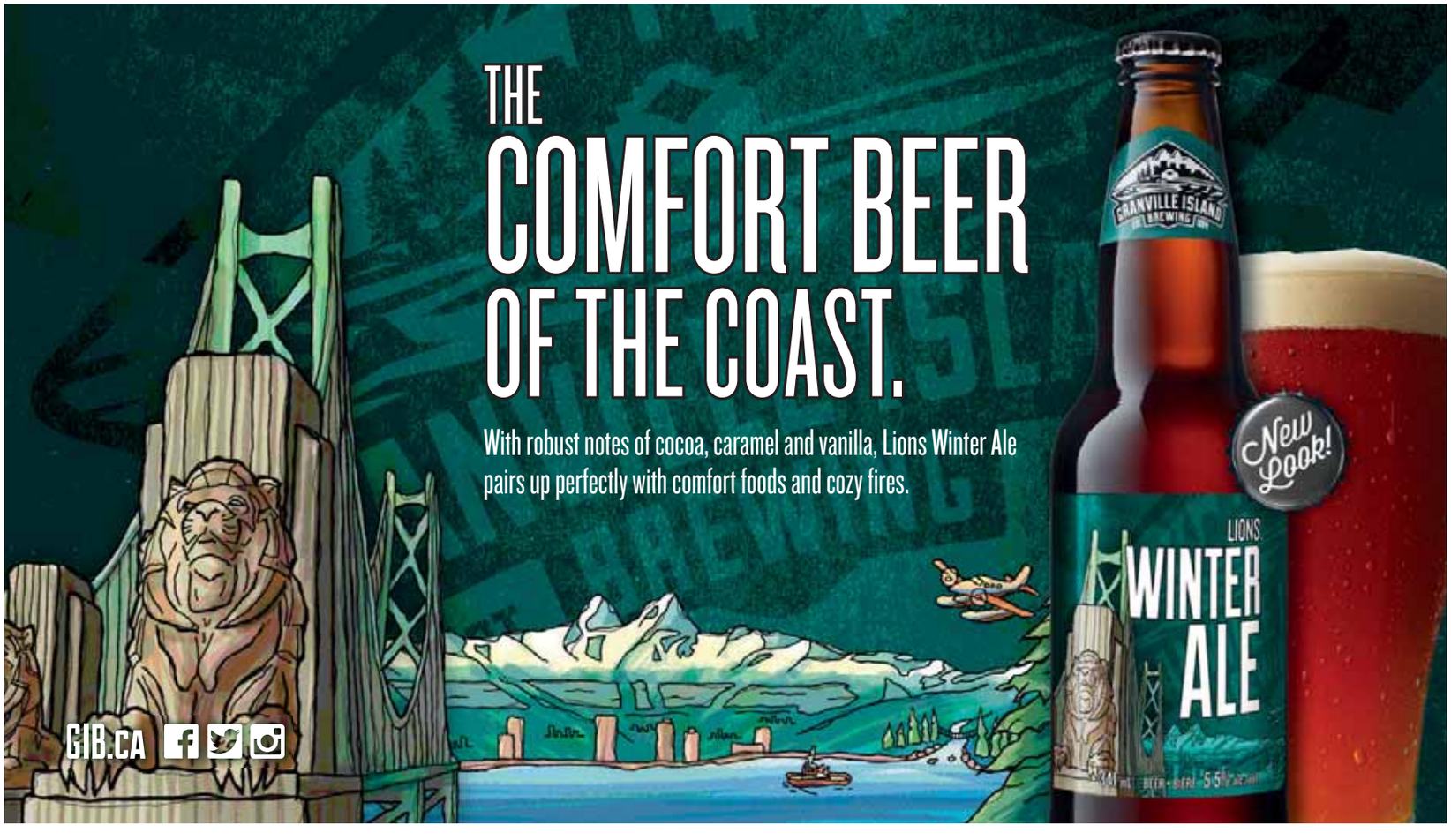
Last month, the Halifax Chronicle-Herald identified Parsons as the victim in the case when one of the young men pleaded guilty in youth court. He will be sentenced in January for distributing a sexually graphic image of the teenaged girl, who died last year following a suicide attempt.

The other young man was given a conditional discharge for making child pornography.

Canning said he believes the decision by the Chronicle-Herald and at least two other media outlets to publish his daughter's name tipped the balance. He said the ban shut down debate on the issues of the case and the confusion even led some high schools to cancel his appearances to talk about cyberbullying.

Canning said the decision would also help free up the work of an organization he started last month with Rehtaeh's mother, Leah Parsons. The Rehtaeh Parsons Society aims to address the prevalence of cyberbullying, youth sexual violence and the distribution of images among young people. THE CANADIAN PRESS

To read about Glen Canning's struggle with the publication ban, see page 25



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Stateless Yukon man looks at applying for refugee status

Lost Canadians. Don Chapman, the group's founder, estimates there could be 50 or 60 people across Canada in a similar situation

Pictured in Dawson City, Yukon, from left, River, Jeb (back) and Maverick McGlaughlin, their mother Julie Dugrenier and father Don McGlaughlin.
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Donovan McGlaughlin admits his story is hard to believe, but he wants Canadians to keep an open mind as he explains why he may have to apply as a political refugee in the country he's called home for his 60 years.

McGlauchlin's father was First Nation, his mother Caucasian, and both were anarchists who didn't want to register his birth because they feared he would be taken away from them and end up in a residential school, he said.

The ramifications of their decision have been far reaching for the Dawson City, Yukon, resident, who said he's been caught up in a life-long bureaucratic nightmare that has prevented him from obtaining any form of identification, including a health-care card.

He said his problem came to a head even before he was hit by a series of heart attacks that have resulted in up to $130,000 in medical and air-ambulance bills.

Nobody in government, it seems, has yet been able to help him, said McGlaughlin, who said applying as a political refugee may be his last option. "What else is there? I mean I'm stateless. I have no rights within my own country," said McGlaughlin.

His lack of status and medical troubles also have territorial and federal government bill collectors knocking on his door, looking for money from the man who has never held a full-time job.

McGlaughlin said he had an interview scheduled with a Citizenship and Immigration Canada official in October 2010, but he suffered a near-fatal heart attack. The interview was rescheduled and took place in early 2011, and the official decided against issuing an order for his removal from Canada, he added.

Taxation problems are now his family's latest worry.

Documents show the Canada Revenue Agency and Yukon government wrote his partner, Julie Dugrenier, asking her for McGlaughlin's Social Insurance Number and 2012 tax return to determine whether she was entitled to tax benefits for their three children. In an Oct. 21 letter, the revenue agency followed up, demanding Dugrenier repay $2,249.50.

As for his refugee application, McGlaughlin was told that all applications must be delivered in person to a Citizenship and Immigration office, an ordeal for somebody who lives in the North, doesn't have a driver's licence, can't book a bus ticket and has heart problems. McGlaughlin said he may have to make that trip by foot. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Invisible man

- Jan. 19, 1954 is the day McGlaughlin celebrates as his birthday, although he doesn't know the exact date. He knows only he was born somewhere between Rosebud, S.D., and Guelph, Ont., where his maternal grandparents lived.
- Home-schooled as a child, McGlaughlin said his parents moved around Canada frequently because they were afraid of the government, and at the age of 15 he left them, surviving off farm work and "migrant jobs" such as picking fruit.
- About 30 years ago, he hitchhiked to and fell in love with the Yukon, where he has survived ever since by hunting and fishing on First Nations land.
- Because he has no birth certificate, McGlaughlin said, he hasn't been able to get a citizenship card, a Social Insurance Number or a passport, and that means he can't get a driver's licence or even a Yukon Health Care Card.
- Since he has no identification, he also can't apply for a job, vote, marry the woman who is the mother of his three children, or volunteer at their school because a background check is required. He can't even get on a long-haul bus, because that now requires ID, too, he said.

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As they buried their children Wednesday, the families spoke of their dreams. One boy had just gotten high marks on his midterm and hoped to become a pilot. A 13-year-old wanted to become a doctor. Another kid just loved playing video games with his cousins.

At cemeteries across the Pakistani city of Peshawar, families lowered the rough wooden coffins of children and their teachers into the cold ground and gathered under funeral tents or at home, trying to comprehend the militant attack on a school a day earlier that killed 148 people, almost all of them young students.

The Pakistani government and military vowed a stepped up campaign aimed at rooting out militant strongholds in the country's tribal regions along the border with Afghanistan.

The Pakistani Taliban, which has waged an insurrection against the government for a decade, claimed responsibility. The group says it was seeking revenge for a military assault launched in June in North Waziristan.

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Pakistani Christians hold up candles to pay tribute to the victims killed in Tuesday's Taliban attack on a military-run school in Peshawar, as they participate in a candlelight vigil Wednesday. K.M. CHAUDARY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S., Cuba mend relations after 50 years of tension

Historic agreement. Announcement follows more than a year of secret talks

President Barack Obama abruptly announced the U.S. is re-establishing long-broken diplomatic relations with Cuba on Wednesday, declaring an end to America's "outdated approach" to the Communist island in a historic shift aimed at ending a half-century of Cold War enmity.

"These 50 years have shown that isolation has not worked," Obama said in remarks from the White House. "It's time for a new approach."

As Obama spoke to Americans, Cuban President Raul Castro addressed his own nation from Havana, where bells pealed and schoolchildren interrupted their lessons to mark the historic news. Castro said that while the two countries still have profound differences in areas such as human rights and foreign policy, they must learn "the art of living together in a civilized manner."

Wednesday's announcement followed more than a year of secret talks between the U.S. and Cuba, including clandestine meetings in Canada and the Vatican and personal involvement from Pope Francis. Setting the stage for the diplomatic breakthrough, Cuba released American Alan Gross, who had been imprisoned for five years, and a Cuban who had spied for the U.S. In exchange, three Cubans jailed in Florida were released by the U.S.

Gross spoke with Obama from the plane carrying him home, then met with Secretary of State John Kerry on the ground and later appeared before Washington reporters.

In Havana, Carlos Gonzalez, a 32-year-old information technology specialist, spoke for many in calling the announcement "a shot of oxygen, a wish come true."

"It is an advance that will open the road to a better future for the two countries," he said.

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Manuel Lopez watches a Spanish television network's coverage of Cuba President Raul Castro's speech inside his cigar shop, Wednesday in Union City, N.J. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"This is game-changing,.... Two wrongs never make a right. I truly hope that we can now get beyond these mutually belligerent policies."

U.S. contractor Alan Gross, imprisoned in Cuba for five years

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Arctic's future melting away: Report

U.S. federal report card. Scientists from 13 countries say 2014 not as bad as other years, but call decline of ice, cold, snow relentless

The Arctic and its future look dimmer every year, says a new report by the U.S. government.

In the spring and summer of 2014, the Earth's icy northern region lost more of its signature whiteness that reflects the sun's heat. It was replaced temporarily with dark land and water that absorbs more energy, keeping yet more heat on an already warming planet, according to the Arctic report card issued Thursday.

Spring snow cover in Eurasia reached a record low in April. Arctic summer sea ice, while not setting a new record, continued a long-term, steady decline. Greenland set a record in August for the least sunlight reflected in that month, said the peer-reviewed report from the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other agencies.

Polar bear populations in parts of the Alaska region were shrinking, but elsewhere were more or less stable, says the report card from the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other agencies issued Thursday. The signature white areas where polar bears live continue to shrink, replaced with dark land and water that absorb more energy, keeping yet more heat on an already warming planet, instead of reflecting heat and light like ice, says the report. KATHY CRANE/NOAA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The report card written by 63 scientists from 13 countries shows few single-year dramatic changes, unlike other years.

"We can't expect records every year. It need not be spectacular for the Arctic to continue to be changing," said report lead editor Martin Jeffries, an Arctic scientist for the Office of Naval Research Wednesday.

The report illustrates instead a relentless decline in cold, snow and ice and how the Arctic reflects sun heat.

The Arctic's drop in reflectivity is crucial because "it plays a role like a thermostat in regulating global climate," Jeffries said, in an interview. As the bright areas are replaced, even temporarily, with dark heat-absorbing dark areas, "that has global implications."

The world's thermostat setting gets nudged up because more heat is being absorbed instead of reflected, he said.

"Eight years ago, 2014 would have been considered an alarming year," said University of Colorado ice scientist Ted Scambos, who didn't contribute to the report. "With 2007 and 2012 behind us, not so much now. The continued summertime darkening of Greenland, particularly in a year when surface melt did not reach record levels, is worrisome, and sets up the potential for record surface melting in future years."

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Spurts, pauses and drops

The Arctic has been affected more by man-made warming than the rest of the globe, the report said. But it comes in spurts, pauses and drops. Not every year will be a record year, said Jeffries.

- **Downward trend.** The Arctic sea ice's 2014 lowest point this year wasn't as small as 2012 and was only the sixth lowest since 1979. But the last eight years have had the eight lowest amounts on record.
- **Ice sheet losses.** While Greenland's ice sheet lost 474 billion tons of ice in 2012, it only lost 6 billion tons in the past summer, the report said.
- **Vortex.** As the East Coast shivered during January's cold snap from a polar vortex that slipped south, parts of Alaska were 10 degrees warmer than normal.

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Nations oppose Israel's actions

Geneva. International conference rebukes Israel for colonizing land occupied by Palestinians

Israel suffered back-to-back diplomatic setbacks in Europe on Wednesday as Palestinians headed to the United Nations to try to set a two-year deadline for an Israeli withdrawal.

In Geneva, the international community delivered a stinging rebuke to Israel's settlement construction in the West Bank and east Jerusalem, saying the practice violates Israel's responsibilities as an occupying power.

The declaration adopted by the conference of the Fourth Geneva Convention, which governs the rules of war and military occupation, emphasized a prohibition on colonizing occupied land and insisted that international humanitarian law be obeyed in areas affected by the conflict between Israel and Palestinians. It called for "all serious violations" to be investigated and those responsible for breaches to be brought to justice.

"This is a signal, and we can hope that words count," said Swiss ambassador Paul Fivat, who chaired the one-day meeting. The U.S. and Israel did not take part.

Israel's UN Mission blasted the gathering, saying: "It confers legitimacy on terrorist organizations and dictatorial regimes wherever they are, while condemning a democratic country fighting terrorism in accordance with international law."

In Luxembourg, meanwhile, a European Union court ordered the Palestinian group Hamas removed from the EU terrorist list for procedural reasons but said the 28-nation bloc can maintain asset freezes against Hamas members for now. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UN Security Council

In New York, an Arab-backed draft resolution on ending Israel's occupation of lands captured in 1967 was being submitted later Wednesday to the UN Security Council for a vote, the Palestinian foreign minister said.

- However, minister Riad Malki said the actual vote might be put off, suggesting a compromise is in the works to avoid a clash in the council.
- The current draft, sponsored by Jordan on behalf of the Palestinians, sets November 2016 as a deadline for an Israeli withdrawal from war-won lands the Palestinians are seeking for a state.

Church of England names Libby Lane first female Bishop

Libby Lane delivers a speech in the Stockport Town Hall in Stockport, England, on Wednesday. The Church of England named Lane the first female bishop in its 500-year history on Wednesday, promoting the saxophone-playing, soccer-loving vicar to bishop of Stockport. The announcement comes five months after the church ended a long and divisive dispute by voting to allow women to serve as bishops. LYNNE CAMERON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

London

Inquiry finds soldiers not guilty of murder

A judge-led inquiry on Wednesday found British soldiers mistreated nine Iraqi detainees but rejected allegations soldiers murdered and tortured prisoners.

The inquiry, which began in 2009, concluded that British soldiers used methods such as blindfolding prisoners and depriving them of food and sleep during "tactical questioning" at Camp Abu Naji in southern Iraq. The soldiers also used threatening interrogation techniques that breached the Geneva Convention.

But the allegations that soldiers had murdered and tortured detainees after the May 2004 battle were found to be "entirely the product of deliberate lies, reckless speculation and ingrained hostility." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Australia

Hostage-taking gunman dropped off security watch list years ago: PM

The gunman responsible for a deadly siege in a Sydney cafe was once on the national security agency's watch list but was dropped off it years ago for reasons that remain unclear, Australia's prime minister said Wednesday.

Tony Abbott said Man Haron Monis was on the watch list in 2008 and 2009 but was later dropped from it. The agency was watching Monis because he had sent a series of offensive letters to the families of dead Australian soldiers, Abbott said.

Abbott promised a transparent investigation. The government is expected to release a report in January looking into all aspects of the siege. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sony shelves The Interview

Controversy. Following terrorist threats by hackers the studio has cancelled movie release

Under the threat of terror attacks from hackers and with America's largest multiplex chains pulling the film from their screens, Sony Pictures Entertainment took the unprecedented step of cancelling the Dec. 25 release of the Seth Rogen comedy The Interview.

The cancellation announced Wednesday was a startling blow to the Hollywood studio that has been shaken by hacker leaks and intimidations over the last several weeks by an anonymous group calling itself Guardians of Peace.

A U.S. official said Wednesday that federal investigators have now connected the Sony hacking to North Korea and are expected to make an announcement in the near future. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to openly discuss an ongoing criminal case.

Sony said it was cancelling The Interview release "in light of the decision by the majority of our exhibitors not to show the film."

"We are deeply saddened at this brazen effort to suppress the distribution of a movie, and in the process do damage to our company, our employees, and the American public," read the statement. "We stand by our filmmakers and their right to free expression and are extremely disappointed by this outcome." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

James Franco, centre left, as Dave, and Seth Rogen as Aaron, in Columbia Pictures' The Interview. COLUMBIA PICTURES-SONY, ED ARAQUEL/THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

NEXUS. Travel to U.S. to be easier for some Canadians

Travelling to the United States by air will be easier for some Canadian passengers, thanks to a new federal government initiative unveiled Wednesday.

NEXUS card holders and other low-risk trusted travellers who have already undergone extensive background checks will have access to dedicated screening lines at four of the country's busiest airports, Transport Minister Lisa Raitt said.

The trusted travellers include members of the Canadian and American armed forces, uniformed airline crews and members of the U.S. Global Entry travel program. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dedicated screening

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VOICES

HER NAME IS REHTAEH PARSONS

The father of the late Rehtaeh Parsons explains why he has reason to smile today after the courts said people can publish his daughter's name — as long as they do so with respect

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My daughter's name is Rehtaeh Parsons. I can send this column to Metro knowing it won't be redacted or the article refused for violating a publication ban.

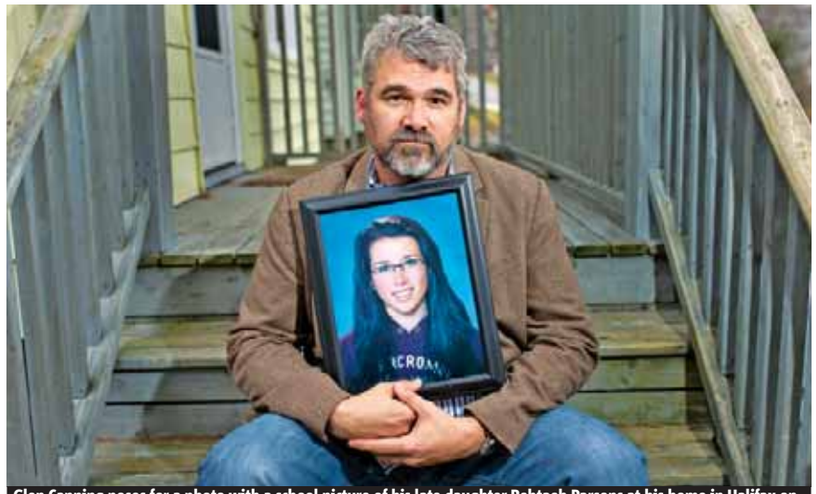
I can finally say her name without the uneasiness of breaking the law and being charged.

Since April I lived with the fear of having a police officer knock on my door and tell me I'm under arrest. To be honest, that fear included the look on the officer's face telling me police thought the ban as ridiculous as I did.

Everyone knows Rehtaeh's name but for the past eight months, no one wanted to come out and say it. Even her friends feared they would be arrested for wishing Rehtaeh a happy birthday on Facebook. That's how grey it was.

It has been a dark cloud to live under: Having high schools cancel talks about cyberbullying and consent because there was a publication ban in effect; the media erasing her name from the Internet; television segments showing my blurred face as I spoke about my daughter with her name bleeped out.

It was frustrating, to say the least. But today we finally have something to smile about.



Glen Canning poses for a photo with a school picture of his late daughter Rehtaeh Parsons at his home in Halifax on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Rehtaeh Parsons is her name — my daughter's name. I can say it now, and write it now, and talk about her openly on the radio, on television, in print, and online.

Wednesday morning, I meet with the Nova Scotia Attorney General and Minister of Justice Lena Diab, as well as the Director of Public Prosecutions Martin Herschorn.

They had asked to meet with me and Rehtaeh's mom, Leah, on Monday. When the meeting started, Minister Diab didn't waste any time — they were going to issue a directive on the publication ban on Rehtaeh's name.

After everything that happened in the past year, I had no expectations going in — not one. Before the meeting I wrote on Twitter "Rehtaeh Parsons is her name. Today I'm hoping to get my daughter's name back."

You're reading her name now because that wish came true. Her name is back. It was an emotional moment when Diab told us what they were about to do and read the statement she was about to release.

"If Ms. Parsons' name is used in a respectful way, the Director of Public Prosecutions will not prosecute any violation of the ban." If we were asked to word it, the release would be exactly the same.

Today I can at least smile a little. People showed courage and leadership and stood up for us and our daughter. As soon as I left the meeting, I called Halifax freelance journalist Ryan Van Horne and thanked him. He took a big risk when he put himself out there and broke the ban on Rehtaeh's name.

I loved my daughter with all my heart and soul. There will never be another Rehtaeh Parsons — not in name, not in the way she lived, and not in the way she died.

Being able to openly and honestly talk about her and her story will go a long way in making sure of that.

Ruling on cellphone searches

The Supreme Court recently ruled that police can look at your cellphone without a warrant. Metro reached out to two experts for analysis of the decision

HAVE A CELLPHONE? READ THIS

Lorne Goldstein, lawyer

Anyone who takes pictures, writes emails, keeps notes or does Internet searches on a cellphone should pay attention to the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Canada in the case of Her Majesty the Queen v. Fearon.

The judges ruled 4-3 that the contents of a cellphone can be searched incident to an arrest if (1) the arrest is lawful, (2) the search is actually incidental to the arrest and not for some other hidden purpose, (3) the nature and extent of the search are particular to the purpose of the arrest, and (4) the police take careful notes so that the search can be reviewed by a judge at trial.

The extent of the police search was of particular concern to the dissenting justices who recognized the unique nature of cellphones and the information they carry. However, the majority were content to set the law broadly and trust the police to exercise self-restraint.

It remains to be seen how many clicks on the photo icon or the Safari search history menu is too many.

In the Fearon case, the phone was unlocked. Future cases will have to consider how much pressure the arresting officers can put on a detainee to unlock his phone for the purposes of a search.

If the now lawful search would be frustrated by a password, can the police compel the owner to unlock the phone in the same way they can compel the driver of a car to open a door?

This question, and others, will have to be answered by trial judges seeking to apply the new law where the rubber meets the road: The courtrooms. *Lorne Goldstein is a partner at Abergel Goldstein & Partners, a Certified Specialist in Criminal Law and a part-time professor at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law.*

A CHILLING IMPLICATION

James Turner, crime journalist

It would be far easier to stomach the Supreme Court's new guidelines for warrantless police searches of cellphones if every arrest investigators made led to a charge and then public prosecution.

But that's not the way our justice system works — and the top court's ruling last Friday leaves a potential for serious police overreach into the private lives of citizens for the sheer sake of gathering intelligence.

It's not difficult to see how the process of holding police to account for these searches could become somewhat murky, and a door to potential misconduct could crack open. This is so because it's not always the case people placed under arrest will be charged with a crime and prosecuted in open court, where a cellphone search can be challenged and police conduct scrutinized. Even if no charge is laid, police still net the opportunity to search a phone and catalogue for their own uses what information they found on it.

What's dangerous is that the person arrested and released without charge has no recourse to challenge the validity of the search in court or have their privacy restored; once their privacy's been taken, it's gone.

"What a police officer sees simply cannot be unseen, even if there is justification provided after the fact," Toronto lawyer Omar Ha-Redeye wrote in a thoughtful commentary to the court's ruling. The implications of this are chilling. Given the vast amount of personal data we now store on cellphones, we were better off with police needing warrants to search them — just as they still must to search homes, computers and other personal, private property in most cases. *James Turner is a Winnipeg crime journalist and journalism instructor. He's on Twitter at @heyjturner.*

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Turning tragedy into comix

Books. Art Spiegelman says the dark, personal nature of his graphic novels lends itself to a different kind of storytelling

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Art Spiegelman likes telling long stories.

He's the creator of Maus, the only graphic novel ever to win a Pulitzer Prize. It is, by design, a long story.

Ask him about it, as Metro did during one of his rare visits to Canada, and it leads to a lengthy conversation about art, tragedy, and, inevitably, the Holocaust.

Spiegelman is a chatty man, which might come as a surprise to anyone who's read his intensely personal, dark works.

As he talks privately in a side room at the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto, which is showing a retrospective of more than 300 pieces of his work, the former chain smoker puffs on an e-cigarette, looking distinguished with his waistcoat and grey goatee.

Earlier, in an interview with more members of the media, he chuckled when he talked about being "trapped" by Maus, the thing he made.

But it established him as one of the most important figures in his medium, gaining him a special Pulitzer in 1992.

The personal nature of Spiegelman's work is a vital part of it, he later says.

It draws on his background as a seminal figure in North American underground comix, as he prefers to spell them.

"To be able to do comix that were personal seemed to invite and build a different kind of storytelling," he explains.

Maus is the story of his parents' experiences during the Holocaust, including their time at Auschwitz, and how Spiegelman interviewed his father about that time.

It came from an ambition to create "a very long comic book that needed a bookmark and could be reread."

Its creation is, in itself, a long story, starting in 1972 with Funny Animals, an underground comic that featured anthropomorphic creatures.

Invited to submit a story, Spiegelman chose a bedtime tale of Jewish life under Nazi Germany, entitling it Maus. It depicts Jews as mice and Nazis as cats.

Soon afterward, he wrote and drew Prisoner On The Hell Planet, as a way of recovering suppressed memories of his mother's suicide.

"I just grabbed paper and started getting it down as it came to me," Spiegelman says. "I had to do it."

By the end of the decade, the two works had come together in the longer-form Maus.

Interestingly, Spiegelman says he's "not that competent" as an illustrator.

He's happy to call himself a "cartoonist" or "comics artist" but he's more of an all-round storyteller, changing his style each time he tackles a new subject. He calls it a "process of reinventing the wheel."

"Everything I do leaves me collapsing at the end and having to reinvent myself," he says.

"It's difficult to keep doing that as we move on in the world and your bones get weary."

Art Spiegelman is showing a retrospective of his work at the Art Gallery of Ontario. DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO NEWS

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Long career

The work of Art Spiegelman isn't limited to Maus, but he's no stranger to tough subjects.

- **He began with underground titles like Short Order Comix and many others, but created Raw magazine with his wife in the 1970s, serializing early parts of Maus.**
- **Other work has included Topps bubblegum cards, with the creation of the Garbage Pail Kids one highlight, and revitalizing the 1920s beat poem The Wild Party with his illustrations in a new edition.**
- **There are also his covers for the New Yorker, including the iconic 9/11 cover showing the black Twin Towers against a black sky, and an image of a Hassidic Jew kissing an African-American woman, published during a time of racial tension.**
- **The attacks of New York, just a few blocks from his home, were also the focus of the work In The Shadow Of No Towers.**

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Helping interfaith couples make it through the holiday season

Advice. Author of In Faith and in Doubt says neither partner gets to declare that everything is non-negotiable

LAKSHMI GANDHI
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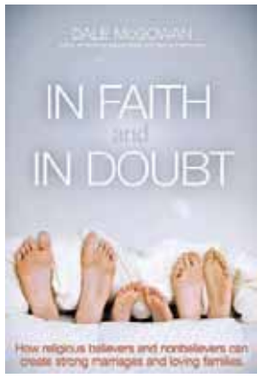
The holidays can be particularly stressful for couples who don't share the same spiritual or religious views. Should an atheist attend midnight mass with the in-laws? Are Christmas trees or menorahs OK? Without clear expectations, getting through December with your nerves intact can be challenging.


DALE McGOWAN
IN FAITH and IN DOUBT
How religious believers and nonbelievers can create strong marriages and loving families

"Everybody has to negotiate — neither partner can declare everything non-negotiable. That's not OK," says Dale McGowan, a longtime atheist and the author of the book In Faith and in Doubt. "What they have to do is pick and choose."

McGowan shares his thoughts on how couples can respect both of their belief systems and strengthen their relationship in the process.

Should everyone attend services?
McGowan says every couple should talk about their negotiables and non-negotiables. "My wife's extended family is quite religious and I go to church every year with my mother-in-law," explains McGowan, who says his wife was a Southern Baptist when they married 23 years ago. "For me, going to church with her was a perfectly fine compromise and a way to honour a part of our family."

Some things can't be compromised:
"If you have an atheist who had a painful separation from religion, it can be really difficult for someone to attend church," he says. "People have to respect that." If you or your partner feel like you absolutely cannot participate in religious activities, it's vital that you talk about it.

Mutual respect is key:
"Sometimes I hear people say, 'Sometimes I struggle with this because I can't respect what my partner believes.' But you don't have to agree on beliefs, what you do have to say is, 'I respect my partner.'"

Graphic novels. Hiddleston is favourite to play Morpheus in The Sandman

The Thor co-star and Only Lovers Left Alive lead Tom Hiddleston has emerged as Neil Gaiman's latest favourite for the role of The Sandman main character Morpheus — or, failing that, anyone else with an English accent and sufficiently good cheekbones. Long regarded as rich material for a film adaptation, plans for a screen adaptation of Gaiman's seminal graphic novel The Sandman gained renewed momentum this year.

A treatment by David Goyer (The Dark Knight, Batman v. Superman) was handed off to Jack Thorne, writer on multiple This Is England TV series as well as Nick Hornby adaptation A Long Way Down, with Joseph Gordon-Levitt in a producer's role.

At one point it had been thought that Gordon-Levitt would take on the main part too, but with Gaiman publicly ruminating on other possible choices, that may not have been the case.

Gaiman has long been on the lookout for potential Morpheus actors, the author explained in conversation with the U.K.'s Radio Times. "There was a time Johnny Depp would've been a great Morpheus, but now he's too old and it's fine."

"I think the first time I saw Benedict was as Sherlock Holmes. I thought, 'Wow, that's incredibly Morpheus.' And fans probably thought the same because they immediately started doing fan-art, meshing the two of them up."

Morpheus in The Sandman. CONTRIBUTED

But with Cumberbatch involved with another superhero project, Marvel movie Doctor Strange, Gaiman has another go-to in the hopper.

"Tom Hiddleston is still out there! And the truth is, as far as I'm concerned, anybody who sounds English with great cheekbones can probably pull it off."

As for the film's long-in-gestation development, things appear to be moving forward at a steady pace.

"I am now a week before seeing the (revised Jack Thorne) script," Gaiman said. "It's going to come in just before Christmas. I'm nervous, I'm on tenterhooks. But do I have good feelings? Yeah I do."

AFP

Tom Hiddleston
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Books

Ava Lee series heads to CBC TV

CBC-TV plans to adapt Canadian author Ian Hamilton's Ava Lee crime thriller series. The female protagonist is a fearless Chinese-Canadian forensic accountant who lives in Toronto and is gay. House of Anansi Press says Strada Films has struck a development deal with the CBC for a limited series based on the novels' prequel, The Dragon Head of Hong Kong. Halifax-born screenwriter Karen Walton, who penned the film Ginger Snaps, is creating the series.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Judy Blume pens book for adults

Judy Blume is returning to the grown-up section. The author's first adult novel since 1998 is coming out in June. Publisher Alfred A. Knopf announced Monday that the novel In the Unlikely Event will be set in the early 1950s in Blume's native New Jersey and will tell of a series of mysterious plane crashes. The 76-year-old Blume is one of the world's most popular children's authors. She is known for such novels as Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret and Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing.

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Bueller, Private Ryan 'saved' by film registry

Film preservation.
U.S. Library of Congress announces the films it plans to preserve in 2014

Saving Private Ryan and Ferris Bueller's Day Off are among 25 movies being inducted this year into the National Film Registry for long-term preservation, the U.S. Library of Congress announced Wednesday.

The library selected films for their cultural, historic or esthetic qualities. This year's selections span the years 1913 to 2004. They include such familiar and popular titles as The Big Lebowski and Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, while others were milestones in film history.

Stephen Spielberg's Saving Private Ryan from 1998 was chosen in part for its ultra-realism with scenes depicting "war as hell." On a lighter note, the comedy Ferris Bueller's Day Off from 1986 was chosen as the first film on the registry from the late director John Hughes. Curators noted Ferris Bueller emerged as one of the great teen heroes of film.

The oldest selection dates to 1913 and is believed to be the earliest surviving feature film starring black actors. Vaudevillian Bert Williams gathered with black performers in New York City to make the film Bert Williams Lime Kiln Club Field Day. The film was discovered 100 years later in the film vault at the Museum of Modern Art.

The Library of Congress runs a major film preservation effort at its audio-visual conservation centre built inside a Cold War-era bunker in Culpeper, Va. With this year's additions, the National Film Registry now includes 650 films — a small part of the library's motion picture collection, which contains 1.3 million items.

"By preserving these films, we protect a crucial element of American creativity, culture and history," Librarian of Congress James Billington said in announcing the new selections.

Some of the most endangered films are silent films. A report from the library last year found 70 per cent of the nation's silent feature films have been lost and only 14 per cent still exist in their original 35 mm format.

The silent films selected for preservation this year include The Dragon Painter from 1919, starring Hollywood's first Asian star, Sessue Hayakawa, and the 1916 silent film Shoes, which examined poverty and prostitution, curators said.

Other films were chosen for their cultural significance. A 1976 independent film entitled Please Don't Bury Me Alive! chosen for the registry is considered by historians to be the first Chicano feature film. Set in a San Antonio barrio, filmmaker Efrain Gutierrez explored his story as a young Chicano man, questioning his people's place in society at the end of the Vietnam War as thousands of his Latino brethren returned home in coffins. Others faced segregation, poor schools and a justice system filling prisons with Chicanos. The filmmakers were angry with how Hollywood portrayed Mexican Americans.

"We were invisible in our own national culture," Gutierrez said in a written statement. "We were being buried alive."

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Saving Private Ryan was among 25 films chosen this year to be preserved in the U.S. National Film Registry. CONTRIBUTED

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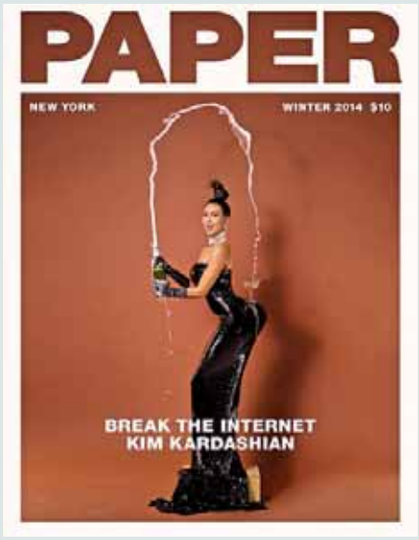

Hashtag or no hashtag, I just checked and the Internet remains safely unbroken. But that doesn't mean this image of Kim Kardashian's physics-defying derriere hasn't broken something deep inside of me. Could be my spirit, could be my brain, tough to say. Although Ms. Kardashian may not have wrecked the Internet, she did sear this image into our collective consciousness. So … good job? (On the other hand, the designer of that dress may have been saddened that we all assumed it was a trash bag at first.) **NED EHRBAR/METRO IN HOLLYWOOD**

LaBeouf is not famous anymore #IamSorry

Shia LaBeouf GETTY IMAGES

Professionally, 2014 was a mixed bag for Shia LaBeouf. While his full-frontal work in Lars Von Trier's two-part Nymphomaniac didn't generate much excitement, his Second World War tank drama, Fury, was a bona fide hit. But all that was easily overshadowed by the much more entertaining Shia LaBeouf Show going on throughout the year in Berlin, L.A. and New York. Whether he was using a paper bag on his head to announce that he's Not Famous Anymore, having staring contests with strangers in art galleries, or getting arrested outside Broadway musicals, LaBeouf was tough to ignore. **NED EHRBAR**

Ellen's Oscar selfie didn't break the Internet, but it did tweet its way to a record

Speaking of breaking the Net, that's what Academy Awards host Ellen DeGeneres claimed she was trying to do with her star-studded selfie taken during the telecast — or at least, she was trying to break Twitter. The candid photo of DeGeneres along with Jennifer Lawrence, Channing Tatum, Meryl Streep, Julia Roberts, Bradley Cooper, Kevin Spacey, Brad Pitt, Lupita Nyong'o, Lupita Nyong'o's brother and part of Jared Leto became the most retweeted photo of all time and ground Twitter's servers to a halt. The photo had been retweeted 3.37 million times.
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Solange's smackdown in an elevator cage match with Jay-Z

May 5, 2014: The surveillance footage seen round the world. On their way out of a Met Gala after-party, Solange Knowles lunges past sister Beyoncé to unleash hell on brother-in-law Jay-Z — and TMZ got its hands on the footage. Sadly, much like the rumours of marital strife that swirled around Beyoncé and Jay-Z all summer, this slap-fight heard round the world may have been faked solely to boost ticket sales for their tour. But whatever, Solange knows how to put on a show — as if her wedding photos alone weren't enough proof of that. **NED EHRBAR**

Jay-Z, Beyoncé and Solange all looked composed when they arrived at the Met Gala. GETTY IMAGES

Bieber beats the odds

Justin Bieber deserves credit for at least one thing: After starting off 2014 with this ridiculous, glassy-eyed mug shot in Miami, when he was arrested for drag-racing, driving under the influence and whiningly resisting arrest, I was pretty sure he wouldn't make it to December without ending up in jail or rehab. Although he did manage to juggle multiple pending court cases for DUI, assaulting a driver and egging his neighbour's house, Canada's little scamp managed to make it out of 2014 unscathed — unless you count his recent bleach job. **NED EHRBAR**

Will the reborn Stephen Colbert call a truce on his Canada cracks?

Stephen Colbert GETTY IMAGES

Tonight, Stephen Colbert is set to (probably) kill off Stephen Colbert, the ignorant and indignant right-wing shouter. By all accounts, in real life, Colbert is a kinder sort, so we'll likely avoid any more of his jabs at Canada. Our favourites include these gems:

- Declaring Windsor as "Earth's rectum," before moving it to Winnipeg after "maplestream" media criticism.
- "Syrup-suckers" and "iceholes."
- After The Beaver changed its name to Canada's History, Colbert sent minions to Urban Dictionary to define "Canada's History" as sinister sex acts. **ANDREW FIFIELD/METRO**

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The first Bachelorette shares her love secrets

Attitude of gratitude. Trista Sutter's reality TV success has a lot to do with her outlook

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It's been over a decade since Trista Sutter met and fell in love with her now-husband, firefighter Ryan Sutter, on the first season of The Bachelorette. As one of the few people who found lasting love through reality TV, people are constantly asking her what her secret is. Sutter released the book Happily Ever After: The Life-Changing Power of a Grateful Heart (out in paperback Dec. 30). Here are a few of her tips:

Appreciate the little things

"People think I have a fairytale life because of how I met my husband, our wedding and things like that.

But it's really about the little things," Sutter tells us.

She says that when she was in college, she started keeping a gratitude journal, listing five things she was thankful for each day, a practice she still continues daily.

"It got me into the mentality of thinking of what I'm grateful for, not just having a husband and having a family, but being able to take a breath or the ability to move, see and hear," she says.

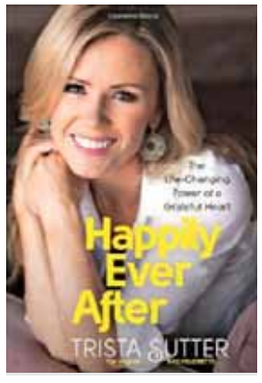
Trista Sutter says one of the keys to her happiness is thanking people around her for things that are often taken for granted. GETTY IMAGES

Spread social media goodness

Piggybacking off her gratitude journal idea, Sutter started posting her favourite part of the day on her social media channels five years ago, a nightly ritual she's still doing. "I've noticed a lot of other people taking on that (practice), too," Sutter says. Posting it online means you hold yourself accountable so you don't slack off and stop doing it; if you do, your followers will notice.

Outwardly express gratitude

Sutter says another key to personal happiness is actively saying thank you to the people around you for things they do that are often taken for granted. Recently, she teamed up with CoffeeMate to surprise night shift workers with coffee and she says doing something nice for others in turn made her feel good. "They were just so thankful for being recognized. ... (My husband) Ryan is a night-shift worker, so I know all too well what they sacrifice. Being able to sit down with the people we visited and have a conversation and be able to thank them was such a fun gift," she says.



Brush off the haters

Of course being a Bachelor and Bachelorette alum means Sutter still encounters haters. "Even today, I posted something and someone said a really mean comment like, 'Let's just call it what it is, The Slutterette.' Seriously? The show has been on the air for how long and how old are we? Just give me a break." But while the negativity is tough to ignore, Sutter is still proud of her time on the show. "I'm so grateful for it," she says. "I was truly there to meet Ryan and fall in love."

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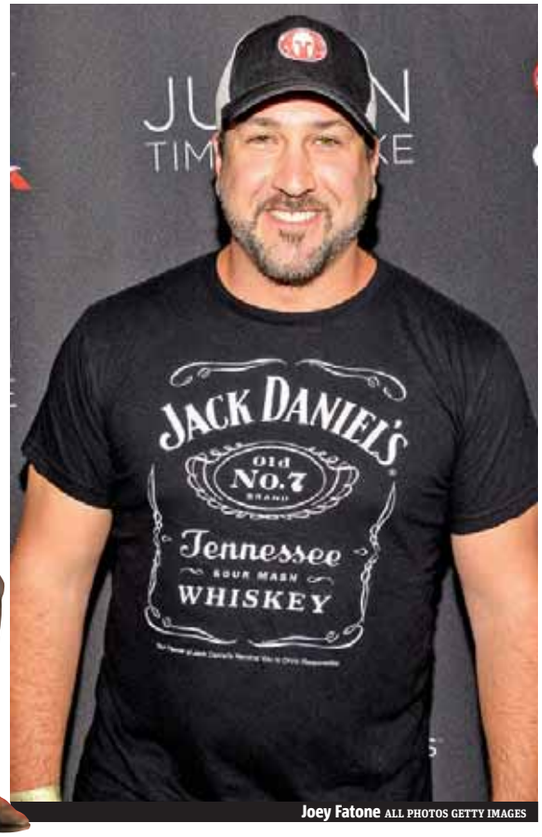


Joey Fatone ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Joey Fatone is out of sync on Justin and Jessica's baby news

There's at least one member of *NSYNC who might be dropped from Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel's Christmas card list, as Joey Fatone went and announced the couple's pregnancy before they could.

"He told me a while ago, and I kept my mouth shut, but I can talk about it now," Fatone tells InTouch.

I'm just guessing here, Joey, but I'm pretty sure when Justin said you can talk about it now he didn't mean to a tabloid. Your baby shower gift better be pretty spectacular, is all I'm saying.

Fatone, by the way, is super-stoked for the couple. "Jessica is awesome, and Justin is a kid at heart," he says.

Yeah, about that. A less-identifiable source tells the National Enquirer that Biel is a bit concerned Timberlake isn't quite ready for all this parenting stuff.

"They've spent little time together during Jessica's pregnancy" because of Timberlake's ongoing concert tour, the source says. "Justin pretends he doesn't have a care, but you can see how antsy he is. He knows it won't be long before his life changes. Now she's concerned it might be more than Justin can handle." Rest assured, Fatone will let us know about it first.

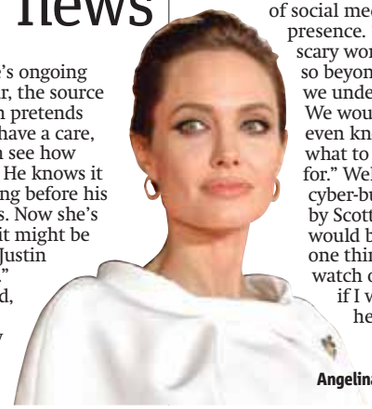
They're real and they're spectacular

Britney Spears' new Woman's Health magazine cover was met nearly immediately by speculation that she'd benefited from some enhancement by the Photoshop department. So the magazine put out a video from behind the scenes of the shoot, hoping to put such talk to rest. And honestly, the woman's been doing a regular Vegas show for a while, so why are we skeptical of her abs being, as the magazine cover exclaims, "insane"? Yours would be, too, with that work schedule.

Angelina hires online bodyguard for brood

Angelina Jolie admits she's not terribly Internet-savvy, so to make sure her six kids are being safe online, she brings in professional help.

"We have someone who monitors that," she tells People magazine, explaining that neither she nor husband Brad Pitt have any sort of social media presence. "It's a scary world. It's so beyond what we understand. We wouldn't even know what to look for." Well, cyber-bullying by Scott Rudin would be one thing I'd watch out for if I were her.



Angelina Jolie

Mindy Kaling debuts the Wreath Witherspoon on The Mindy Project. Below, Instagrammers have been posting their own versions of the wreath. NBC

Reese is a fan of Mindy's Wreath Witherspoon

Mindy Kaling has launched a new holiday tradition, with the introduction of the Wreath Witherspoon on The Mindy Project last week. And now the crafty home decoration — a traditional Christmas wreath adorned with photos of Oscar-winning actress Reese Witherspoon — has been given the seal of approval by Witherspoon herself. Witherspoon reposted Kaling's Instagram of various fan interpretations of the gag exclaiming, "Love it!" Maybe she'll even be making one herself this year.

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Throwing Marsala into your mix

Style. How to incorporate Pantone's colour of the year into your wardrobe

KATELYN ZBOROWSKI
Metro News in Toronto

When hearing the word 'Marsala' one may think of an Italian chicken dish or rich red wine. However, Pantone's recent unveiling of the 2015 colour of the year will surely leave the fashion world hearing (and seeing) a whole lot more of the perplexingly named hue. In fact, Marsala is poised to become one of the hottest and most in-demand colours of the New Year.

So what does a new must-have shade and Pantone's stamp of approval mean for you and your wardrobe? For one, it means switching up your black basics for something a little richer and slightly spicier.

But fashionable friends, there's no need to sweat. Metro has you covered — and stylishly so.

You'll see plenty of this bold and spicy brown-red on shelves, and in windows, as early as later this month. It never takes long for retailers to start featuring the New Year's official colour, especially with the holidays so near. From kitchenware and home decor to fashion and beauty — you'll have nothing but choice when it comes to what may very well be your new signature shade.

For ladies who crave a pop of colour but appreciate subtlety, Marsala will be your new best friend. The shade complements fair complexions and richens deep ones, making it a colour worthy of both your wardrobe and makeup bag.

Do you dare to go full Marsala this coming New Year? GETTY IMAGES

According to professional image consultant Christie Ressel, Kylie Jenner has been a huge fan over the last few months, regularly donning overdrawn lipstick in muted red-brown. The Jenner sister's regular Instagram updates and paparazzi snaps have only added to the colour's popularity in the beauty world.

Ressel also shares that Marsala is "muted" and "has a refined quality", making it pop in accessories and stand-out in separates.

"For a neutral look, consider pairing the shade with other warm-toned colours such as deep brown, beige or pea green," says Ressel. For more of a statement look, she advises opting for lilac, dusty rose or sky blue.

While its name may be new to the world of fashion, the colour itself has been seen on fall and winter runways for years.

Like black, Marsala can easily be used as a wardrobe staple in "wine-coloured boots, leather bags and leather coats", according to sought-after fashion stylist Talia Brown. She describes the shade as being, "very much in the brown family" and praises its ability to be both stark and subtle.

Brown recommends that men incorporate Marsala into their wardrobes in the forms of ties, scarves, and belts or even printed dress socks.

Challenge yourself to step away from the black, put down the grey and reach for Marsala in 2015. You'll be perfectly on-trend while investing in classic pieces that are set to withstand the test of time. It's not often a single shade accomplishes both, so be on the lookout for Pantone's colour of the year at your favourite stores next month.

Hue oughta know

- Fashion stylist Talia Brown cautions that while monochromatic Marsala may work in an evening gown, it can be a bit much for someone to pull off.
- She adds that Marsala may be a no-no when matched with fully saturated brights, such as cherry red or highlighter orange.

Making the best of the bold

"For a neutral look, consider pairing the shade with other warm-toned colours such as deep brown, beige or pea green."

Christie Ressel
Professional image consultant

4 must-haves in Marsala

Dooney & Bourke Bitsy Crossbody Bag

$158.40, thebay.com

TOPSHOP Bodycon Midi Dress

$40, thebay.com

Ocaria Heel

$24.99, aldoshoes.com

NARS Eye Shadow Single in New York

$28, murale.ca

Surprise Santa with something a bit more original

White Chocolate and Rosemary Truffles. The guy in the red suit will appreciate these sweet little bites a lot more than boring cookies

This recipe makes 30 chocolates. TARA FISHER

1. Put the cream and rosemary in a small pan and bring to a boil — this is important, otherwise the ganache won't thicken when beaten. Put the chocolate into a heatproof bowl. Pour over the cream and rosemary and stir once or twice.

2. Set the bowl over a pan of very gently simmering water, add the corn syrup and butter. Let melt, stirring once or twice to combine. Set aside until cooled to room temperature.

3. Discard the rosemary. When cool, beat the mixture with an electric mixer until soft, fluffy, and paler in colour. Pour into a lightly oiled disposable foil container (7 inches x 5 inches) and put into the refrigerator to set.

4. Lay out a large piece of parchment paper on your counter and dust liberally with confectioners' sugar.

5. Retrieve the foil container from the refrigerator and snip its edges so that you can carefully peel them away. Turn out the truffle block onto a board. Cut into 1 1/4-inch cubes (you'll need to clean the knife with paper towels every few cuts) and transfer the truffles to the parchment paper as you go.

6. Dust the truffle cubes with more confectioners' sugar and roll, pressing gently, to cover them completely.

7. Transfer the truffles to petit-four paper cups and arrange in lidded boxes. Store in the refrigerator, where they can last for up to two weeks.

Ingredients

- Scant 1/2 cup heavy cream
- A large sprig rosemary
- 7 oz white chocolate, broken into pieces
- 1 tbsp corn syrup
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter
- Sunflower oil, for greasing
- Confectioners' sugar, for dusting

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Cookbook of the Week

Gifts from your heart (and kitchen)

The next time you're giving a gift, skip the mass-produced items that have become the norm and crack open Handmade Gifts from the Kitchen by Alison Walker.

The book offers more than 100 gift ideas with easy-to-follow recipes and ideas of presentation — including decorative jars, tins, baskets and boxes to add a personal touch that ensures your gift will be remembered long after it's been eaten.

Recipes include Earl Grey Hearts, Popcorn Bark, Peanut Brittle, Bourbon Peaches, Tiffin, Lemon Syrup Loaf Cakes and Sesame Snaps. METRO

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Designing the perfect Christmas tree

Got a great-looking place? Then you need a chic Christmas tree to stand out in style during the holidays. Whether you've chosen a real or artificial tree, decorate it using a few of these alternative design solutions

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A theme come true

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Coming up with a styled theme can be most difficult as each year holiday trends change, requiring new ornaments. Invest in a colour you have always liked. Gold, red or silver are classic winners for holiday tree ornaments. Seventy per cent of your ornaments should include this colour. The remaining 30 per cent can incorporate a current trend and be changed up every two-to-three years. This year, look for turquoise, rust and black as trend options. Any one of them can be worked in with your main colour with ease.

Ornament to be

Hanging larger ornaments close to the bottom and smaller one close to the top always works for good proportions. Many glass-looking ornaments are unbreakable. Look for these, especially for the larger ornaments near the bottom of the tree. Pick a sweet theme that will leave you calorie-free. **Macaroon Ornament Set, $14, UrbanOutfitter.com**

More than one way to skirt a tree

Always finish your tree with a skirt to hide the stand and any light cords — leaving it bare is a big decorator no-no. The skirt should help complete your tree's decor theme. Consider using plaid blankets, fur throws or even a holiday printed tablecloth at the bottom of the tree. Tree collars are a new way to hide the under-tree chaos. **Galvanized and Wicker Tree collars, $80, CrateAndBarrel.com**

In a good light

New LED string lights are longer-lasting and energy efficient. Look for warm white lights (not the cool blue-ish ones) to create a flattering glow of light. Purchase 80 to 100 lights per each foot of the tree's height. Combine new technology with some retro appeal and you've got lighting that will last year to year. **Lord & Taylor 25 Indoor LED Pearl Warm White Lights, $25, TheBay.com**

Take it from the top

The most-forgotten element of the tree always seems to be the topper. No longer does the topper need to be in the form of a star or an angel. Consider decorative resin antlers, everlasting flowers, straw-crafted birds (owls are still big this year), birdhouses or large ribbon bows in lieu of the traditional tree-topper. **Pinecone and glitter peace sign tree topper, $100, PotteryBarn.com**

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Flames

Hartley rewarded with extension

The Calgary Flames are locking up head coach Bob Hartley to a multi-year contract extension.

He has guided the NHL team to a 17-14-2 record this season.

The Flames are tied for eighth place in the Western Conference standings with 36 points.

The announcement comes with Calgary mired in a six-game losing skid.

Hartley has led the Flames to a 71-79-13 mark since he was hired in May 2012.

He has coached in several leagues over his career and was previously an NHL head coach with the Colorado Avalanche and Atlanta Thrashers.

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Predators

League fines Neal for diving

The NHL fined Nashville Predators forward James Neal $2,000 US for diving on Wednesday, making him the first player to be fined under a new league initiative to crack down on embellishment.

Neal was assessed a two-minute minor penalty for embellishment at 19:39 of the third period of Nashville's 2-0 loss in San Jose on Saturday.

It was Neal's second citation for embellishment this season, which triggered the automatic fine.

Under the new rules, a player's coach also gets fined upon his fourth offence and subsequent infractions. The fines for coaches begin at $2,000.

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Shinkaruk adjusting to life, hockey in AHL

Canucks prospects report. Shinkaruk wants to maintain his creative ways

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The Canucks' Hunter Shinkaruk, left, celebrates scoring a pre-season goal at Rogers Arena on Sept. 16. Shinkaruk is currently playing for AHL affiliate Utica. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hunter Shinkaruk loves scoring goals. Easy to tell by the excitement in his celebrations, even during the pre-season.

But in his first season in the American Hockey League, the Vancouver Canucks prospect hasn't been scoring with nearly the same regularity as he did with the Medicine Hat Tigers. He has only four goals — three of them game-winners — and 10 points, to go along with 57 shots on goal, in 26 games for the Utica Comets.

Shinkaruk, speedy and creative with the puck, reasons why Vancouver took him 24th overall in the 2013 NHL Draft, admitted he's had to adapt to what can sometimes be more of a grind game at that level.

"A lot different than in the WHL and a lot different than even pre-season in the NHL," he said Wednesday in a phone interview with Metro.

"I guess for my game ... maybe that's not the thing that I like to do the most. It's probably been a little tough. It's not so offensive of a league but it's been good. I'm learning a lot of different areas of the game."

Shinkaruk, who missed most of last season in the WHL with a hip injury that required surgery, said he still prefers to use his skill to make plays.

"I'm a creative player and that's going to be the way that I'm going to make it," he said. "I never want to lose that."

In each of his two training camps with Vancouver, Shinkaruk has impressed with his talent and nose for the net.

His status as a first-round pick and touted prospect isn't a guarantee of ice time in Utica, however.

On Saturday, Shinkaruk said he was a healthy scratch.

"It was tough and I definitely don't agree with it but I think with all the veteran players, it was kind of one of those instances," said Shinkaruk.

"It's something that when you're in practice, you definitely think about, you want to make sure it never happens again."

Prospects watch

Starting today, Metro Vancouver will run a series of profiles on Canucks prospects in the junior, college and minor-league ranks. The series will run once a week, with Metro publishing the profiles online Wednesday and in print Thursday.

Inability to finish dooms Canucks vs. Stars

The Canucks' Dan Hamhuis, right, checks the Stars' Alex Goligoski at Rogers Arena on Wednesday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Vancouver Canucks didn't give up many odd-man rushes. They couldn't score either.

The Canucks have now lost five straight. They had glorious chances to put away the visiting Dallas Stars at Rogers Arena on Wednesday, and couldn't finish. Not one, not two but three clear breakaways against goalie Kari Lehtonen. Nothing.

The Canucks have scored twice in their last three games.

The Canucks lost to the Stars by a final score of 2-0.

While Lehtonen was like a brick wall against the Canucks, the goalie at the other end, Eddie Lack, allowed one softie.

Dallas centre Colton Sceviour attempted a pass, but the puck glanced off the glove of Lack and trickled behind him.

On Wednesday

Stars	Canucks
2	0

The Stars suddenly took over. They dominated the second period, testing Lack with 17 shots. Vancouver had just four. Two of them came on breakaways, as Jannik Hansen and Alex Burrows were both denied.

In the first period, Chris Higgins was sent alone but couldn't beat Lehtonen. It was the same for Radim Vrbata, denied less than a minute into the game on a deflection.

The Canucks host the Calgary Flames on Saturday.

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NFL

Newton returns after accident

Cam Newton returned to practice Wednesday eight days after a horrific-looking automobile accident left him with two fractures in his lower back.

Whether or not he starts Sunday against the Cleveland Browns remains unclear.

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NFL

49ers release McDonald amid assault claims

Citing a pattern of behaviour and off-field issues, San Francisco 49ers general manager Trent Baalke informed defensive lineman Ray McDonald that he was released Wednesday amid a sexual assault investigation by San Jose police.

"After the recent allegations concerning Ray McDonald, we as an organization notified him and his agent that he will be terminated, released immediately, effective immediately," Baalke said.

"Ray's demonstrated a pattern of poor decision-making that has led to multiple distractions to this organization and this football team that really can no longer be tolerated."

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NHL

Anderson keeps Devils at bay

Craig Anderson made 34 saves, and Kyle Turris scored two goals as the Ottawa Senators beat the New Jersey Devils 2-0 on Wednesday. Anderson earned his third shutout of the season and 29th in his NHL career. New Senators coach Dave Cameron's record is now 2-1-1. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Memphis have more Gasol in tank

Grizzlies beat Spurs 117-116. Spaniard makes the difference in triple overtime thriller

Marc Gasol scored 26 points, including a banked-in three-pointer as regulation expired, and the Memphis Grizzlies overcame blowing a 23-point lead for a 117-116 triple-overtime victory over the San Antonio Spurs Wednesday night.

Zach Randolph had 21 points and 21 rebounds in the Grizzlies' sixth straight victory. Vince Carter added a season-high 18 points for Memphis (21-4). Danny Green scored 25 points, and Tim Duncan had 23 points and 16 rebounds for San Antonio. His jumper rattled in to force the third OT, but he finished just five for 15 on free throws.

Manu Ginobili added 21 points, but shot an airball on a three-pointer in the final seconds for the Spurs. San Antonio made a season-high 17 three-pointers but was 13 for 27 on free throws, including 5 for 15 by Duncan.

He then hit a fallaway, high-arcing jumper that bounded on the rim three times before dropping in to tie the game at 111 at the close of the second overtime. The shot was part of an eventful final minute in regulation and the first two overtimes.

After Green's fifth three-pointer gave San Antonio a 92-89 lead with 2.5 seconds remaining in regulation, Gasol banked in a 30-footer against Ginobili as time expired.

Green injured his knee while colliding in midair with Mike Conley on an outlet pass, giving Memphis a 5-on-4 situation that resulted in Gasol's layup that tied the game at 102 with 9.3 seconds left. Ginobili missed a seven-foot running jumper to end the first OT.

Conley's three-pointer gave Memphis a 111-109 lead with 2.6 seconds left in the second overtime before Duncan's shot that finally fell in.

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Raptors' revenge on Nets

Raptors forward James Johnson defends the shot of the Nets' Mason Plumlee at the Air Canada Centre on Wednesday night. Kyle Lowry had 20 points and 12 assists as the Raptors beat the Brooklyn Nets 105-89 on Drake night — a bit of payback against the team that ousted Toronto from last season's playoffs.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may be in a charitable mood but don't give away too much. Your luck is changing for the better but you still need to make sure you have enough to cover unforeseen setbacks.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
What happens over the next few days may be unsettling but the planets promise you will do very well thanks to the changes that take place.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
This is a time of major changes for you that will accelerate when the Sun moves into Capricorn at the weekend, so get plenty of rest. You'll need it.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
There is no point starting a fight you know you cannot win. For some strange reason you feel you must prove yourself to the world, but that isn't true. Besides, what does it prove if you end up flat on your back?

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Let matters develop at their own pace today, especially on the work front where things are moving so fast that there is no point in trying to change them.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Someone may try to persuade you that a course of action is in your interests but you have doubts. Listen to your instincts and act on what they tell you.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There may be exciting things going on in your social environment but you must ignore them all and focus on getting a family matter sorted.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Someone you work with will disagree with your plans today but there is no way you are going to change them. Tell them you understand their concerns then carry on exactly the same as before.

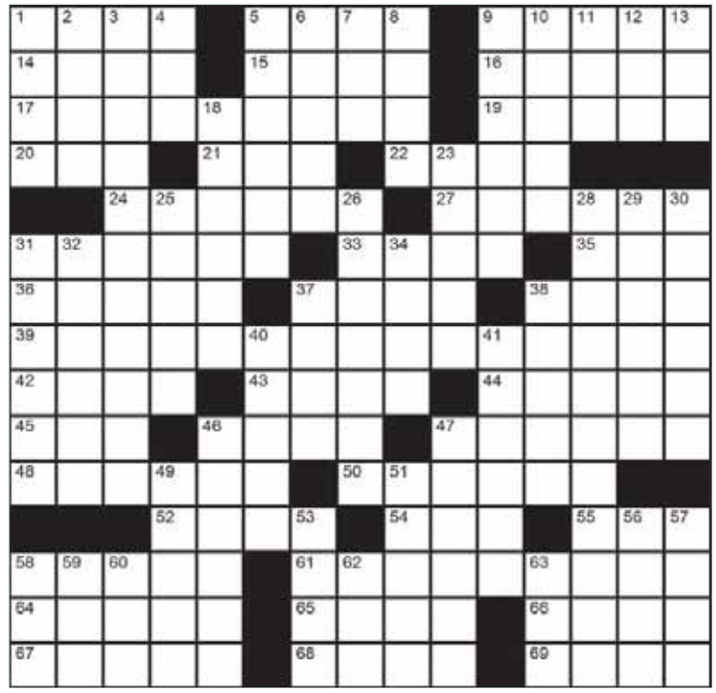
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Do you give a colleague your support and risk falling out with someone in authority? Or do you side with the powers that be and risk losing a friend? Only you can decide but it's got to be one or the other.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The new moon on the 22nd will do wonders for your courage. Between now and then, keep a low profile and save energy.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Focus on something creative you can do alone. You may be sociable but sometimes you need to be alone to get the best from your abilities.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You won't find it hard to persuade partners and colleagues to follow your lead today but don't use force. If you do, they will drag their feet.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across

1. Dutch artist, Rembrandt van __
5. __ Buy (Electronics store)
9. 1885: Canada's first national park
14. KT Tunstall's "Suddenly _ __"
15. Mixture
16. Ring-shaped coral island with a lagoon in the middle
17. Vancouver Island: __ Goose Regional Trail
19. Mr. Bear
20. Li'l ocean
21. Reckon
22. __ _ few moments (Rested briefly)
24. Admiration
27. Nearly
31. Escalate: 2 wds.
33. Superior at a French monastery
35. Phantom's scare!
36. Haven
37. "No __!" (It was no big deal!)
38. "Heat of the Moment" band
39. Wristbands that monitor things like steps taken and calories burned: 2 wds.
42. Ice mass
43. Infliction
44. Quebec stop sign word
45. 'Restrict' suffix
46. __ '_' Hers
47. Removes any doubt
48. Alex __, Canadian host of "Jeopardy!"
50. Moviedom's Ms. Miller
52. Guitar bar
54. Glaswegian's 'No'
55. Even if, briefly
58. Stringed instrument
61. Song by Canadian band Streetheart that goes "How'd you get the car, those diamonds and pearls..."
64. Bird-related
65. Sailing direction
66. Highlands tongue
67. Actress Naomi
68. Taken back [abbr.]
69. Hairstyling hues

Down

1. Capital of Latvia
2. Time __ __ a premium
3. "Money (Part 1)" Canadian Hip-Hop artist
4. First word in Inferno by Dante
5. Storied shepherdess, with Little: 2 wds.
6. Upper crust
7. Canuck ID
8. Clothes
9. __ Harbour (Labrador community)
10. "The _ __" by Ed Sheeran
11. Fall asleep, __ off
12. Do dry-clothes-taken-from-the-dryer work, briefly
13. Be an Air Canada passenger
18. Dense
23. Limerick's rhyming pattern
25. Back
26. Hamilton-born comedian Mr. Short's
28. Scientific lookout station
29. Nighttime get together
30. Wedding reception speeches
31. Roof's overhang underside
32. Bespoke clothing professional
34. "A Star Is __" (1976)
37. Community commercials, curtly
38. Ohio city
40. Railway track fastener
41. Art of "The Honeymooners"
46. Wading birds
47. Rang loudly
49. A Sharp sometimes, _ __
51. Cove
53. "__ she blows!"
56. Outdoor tap hookup
57. Poetic pieces
58. Canuck priv. sectr union
59. Ms. Longoria
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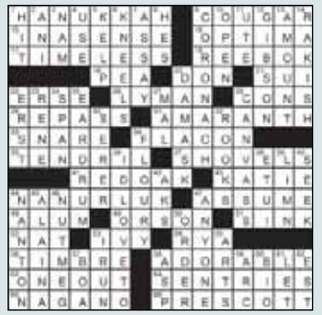

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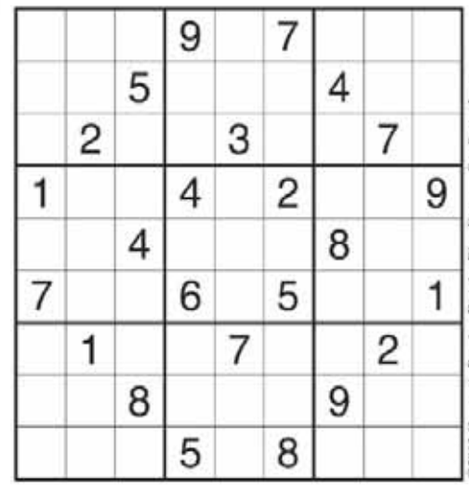

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3	9	5	8	1	7	4	6	2
1	5	3	7	2	6	9	8	4
6	8	9	5	4	3	7	2	1
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UP TO $3,750[18] IN TOTAL HOLIDAY CREDITS

2014 BUICK VERANO

UP TO $3,750[17]

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Credit is a manufacturer to consumer incentive (tax inclusive) and credit value depends on model purchased: $1500 credit available on all eligible Buick/Chevrolet/GMC vehicles; $2,000 credit available on all Cadillac vehicles (except 2015MY Cadillac Escalade). Offer applies to eligible current owners or lessees of any model year 1999 or newer pick-up truck that has been registered and insured in Canada in the customer's name for the previous consecutive six (6) months. Credit is a manufacturer to consumer incentive (tax inclusive): $1,000 credit available towards the retail purchase, cash purchase or lease of one eligible 2013, 2014 or 2015 model year GMC/Chevrolet light or heavy duty pickup(except Canyon or Colorado); delivered in Canada between December 2, 2014 through January 2, 2015. Offer is transferable to a family member living within the same household (proof of address required). 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See dealer for details. 15$4,250 is a combined total credit consisting of a $750 Holiday Cash (tax inclusive), $500 Boxing Week Bonus (tax inclusive) and a $3,000 manufacturer to dealer cash credit (tax exclusive) for all 2014 Terrain, which is available for cash purchases only and cannot be combined with special lease and finance rates. By selecting lease or finance offers, consumers are foregoing this $3,000 credit which will result in higher effective interest rates. Discounts vary by model. 16The GMC Terrain/Buick Encore received the lowest number of problems per 100 vehicles among compact/small SUVs in the proprietary J.D. Power 2014 Initial Quality Study. Study based on responses from 86,118 new-vehicle owners, measuring 239 models and measures opinions after 90 days of ownership. Proprietary study results are based on experiences and perceptions of owners surveyed in February-May 2014. Your experiences may vary. 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Discounts vary by model. 19$3,250 is a manufacturer to dealer delivery credit (tax exclusive) available on 2014 Cadillac ATS. Cash credits available on most models. Offer ends January 2, 2014. 20 0.9% lease APR available for 36 months on a new or demonstrator 2014 Cadillac ATS Sedan, 0.A.C by GM Financial. Applies only to qualified retail customers in Canada. Annual kilometre limit of 20,000 km, $0.16 per excess kilometre. Down payment or trade and/or security deposit may be required. Bi-weekly payments may vary depending on down payment/trade. Example: 2014 ATS Sedan RWD (1SA) including Freight and Air Tax is $30,956 at 0.9% APR, $0 down payment, bi-weekly payment is $156 for 36 months. Total obligation is $12,136 plus applicable taxes. Option to purchase at lease end is $19,497. Freight ($1,700) & PDI included. License, insurance, dealer fees, excess wear and km charges, applicable taxes, registration fees and other applicable fees not included. 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